

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 3-7 are pending in the application.

Claims 3-7 have been rejected.

Claims 3 and 4 have been amended, support for the amendment can be found in the claims as originally filed and the Specification, page 3, lines 1-24 with no new matter added.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that the claims are distinguished over the prior art of record and are allowable upon correction of the formalities indicated below. Applicants have amended the claims to place them in condition for allowance.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 3-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

Regarding claim 3, Applicants have amended the claims pursuant to the Examiner's helpful suggestions. Applicants have recited the individual elements of the "bearing structure" which include a "rolling raceway" and a "roller". The size of the roller determines if the bearing structure is considered a "cylindrical" or "needle" bearing where the diameter of the roller is smaller for a needle bearing as opposed to a cylindrical bearing. One of the objects of the invention is to improve

the longevity of the raceway along with the roller so as to increase the service life of the entire bearing structure. *See, Specification, page 3, lines 1-11.*

Regarding claim 4, Applicants have amended the claim pursuant to the Examiner's helpful suggestion and deleted "and yielding said rolling raceway."

Applicants submit that the amendments obviate the rejection under § 122 and that those claims (and claims 5-7, which depend from claim 4) are, therefore in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw these rejections to the claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner-s Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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